JOHNSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

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(Share this with other retirees who may want to join)

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2009-10	Lynette Adams
2010-11	Cathy Schiele
2011-12	Terry Smothers
2012-13	Larry Knipfer
2013-14	Michael Petersen
2014-15	John Hieronymus
2015-16	Connie Pestotnik
2016-17	Marijo Mihalopoulos
2017-18	Marijo Mihalopoulos
2018-19	Marijo Mihalopoulos
2019- 20	Terry Smothers
2020-21	Nancy Porter
2021-22	Jon Noel
2022-23	Jon Noel
2023-24	Jon Noel

Johnson County Retired School Personnel

Speakers Schedule 2025-26

11:00 am-1:00pm

Elks Lodge - 637 Foster Road, Iowa City

Date	Location	Speaker	Topic
September 24	**Elks Lodge 637 Foster Rd. Iowa City**	**Lorraine Bowans - AARP**	**Home Fit** Lorraine will share tips for making your home safe and comfortable. She will bring copies of the AARP illustrated Home Fit Guide so you can make your home age friendly.
October22	**Elks**	**Judy Nyren - Lucas Farms Historian**	**Strange and Mysterious Stories** Judy will share some unusual stories about Iowa City and the Lucas Farms Neighborhood. Learn about the tragic story of Butterfly Boys from City High, The infamous Black Angel, and Flying Saucer Sitings in our community.
November 19	**Elks**	**Linda Schreiber- Master Gardeners**	**Garden Guardians** Linda has been nurturing the Iowa City downtown gardens for many years. She has also become a prairie flower expert and an advocate of prairie preservation throughout the county and state. Linda has been a Master Gardener for over 25 years and will share info on how you can be one too.
December 17	**Courtyard Marriott 901 Melrose Iowa City***	**Holiday Gathering- Social and Music**	**Holiday Music, Sing Along, and Social** Come and socialize with friends as we enjoy the music of the holidays and share a wonderful luncheon together. Wear your best holiday sweater!
January 28	**Elks**	**Brad Kunkel-Johnson County Sheriff**	**The Johnson County Jail: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly** Sheriff Kunkel will update our members on the latest plans for the jail and what the future holds for law enforcement in rural Johnson County. Brad is a 24 year law enforcement veteran who has served as our sheriff since 2020.

February25	**Elks**	**Geoff Fruin - Iowa City City Manager**	**What's Happening in Iowa City** City Manager Fruin will share the current plans for development in Iowa City and the new pool at City Park. Geoff became the Iowa City Manager in 2016 but served as the assistant city manager from 2011-2016.
March 25	**Elks**	**Dan Clay- University of Iowa - Dean of the College of Education**	**Who Will Teach our Children?** Dean Clay will provide updates about the future of education in Iowa and what University is doing to attract the next generation of educators.
April 22	**Elks**	**Judy Nyren - Lucas Farms Historian**	**The Underground Railroad and the Freedom Seekers** Learn about the freedom seekers who traveled through the Iowa City Community on their way to Canada. Judy will share the story about John Brown and his visit to our area in 1859.
May27	**Beth &John Hieronymus Home 3322 Muscatine Ave. Iowa City***	**End of Year Meeting and Picnic**	**End of Vear Picnic and Celebration** Join us for our final social event of the year and enjoy the beautiful home and gardens of John and Beth Hieronymus. This is a potluck so bring a covered dish to share. Drinks and table service will be provided.

***Note change of location for these two events!**

JCRSPA trips 25-26

August: end of August: State Historical Society, 402 Iowa Avenue
- - if it falls through CR Museum of Art (Free through August)
September - Mon., Sept. 15 -Old Cedar County Jail Museum, Tipton
October: Thurs., Oct. 30: Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge
November: Fri. Nov.14 -Williamsburg Historical Museum, Historic Petersen Drug Co.
December: typically our Dec. Holiday Gather at University Heights Courtyard Marriot
January: Tues., Jan. 13 -UI Athletics Hall of Fame
February: Tues., Feb. 10 -Stanley Peace and Security Building, Muscatine
March: Wed., Mar. 11 -Voxman Music Building, Iowa City-7:30 PM
April: Thurs., April 16 -African American Museum of Iowa, 55 12th Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids
May: Wed., May 27 -May meeting and Garden Party, John Hieronymus 'house -11:00
June: Mon., June15 -Frerich's Alpaca Farm, 5732 350th St NE, West Branch
July: mid July (set closer to date) Monarch Research Center. 4970 Lakeside Road, Marion, IA
August: Wed., August 12 -Putnam Museum and Science Center, 1717 West 12th St., Davenport:

August: end of August: State Historical Society, 402 Iowa Avenue

Cost: FREE

Description: Since the state is closing the Iowa Branch of the State Historical Society it will be a great time to tour and see what it has to offer. **(There is still a possibility that it can stay open, albeit small. There is a petition to sign at: https://www.change.org/p/save-iowa-history-2025-redux to try and keep it open. I've signed it already.)**

I have talked to them and am waiting on a call back to see about a tour set up. I am almost positive that we can visit.

Itinerary: We will just meet at the 402 Iowa Avenue location to tour. There is a parking ramp kitty corner from the building since on street parking is poor there. I'll fill in more as soon as I know. We can grab a bite at a downtown restaurant after the tour.

September - Mon., Sept. 15 -Old Cedar County Jail Museum, Tipton

Cost: FREE

Description: Let's visit the preserved Old Cedar County Jail built in 1892 and the last of its kind in the state. It was the old mom and pop jail where the sheriff watched over the inmates and his wife would feed them. It's hosted by retired Sheriff Keith Whitlatch who was the last sheriff to work there.

Itinerary: Leave from Los Agaves on the north side of Iowa City at 9:30 for the drive to Tipton. We can grab a bite at the Tipton Family Restaurant or Mi Tierra Mexican Grill before we head home.

October: Thurs., Oct. 30: Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge, 10728 County Road X-61, Wapello, IA 52653

Cost: FREE

Description: Tour of with stops and discussions, led by wildlife biologist Nate, of the significance of each area. These could cover many topics - conservation, lock & dam management, wildlife. We can also stop at the Toolesboro Indian Mounds and right beside it is the Littleton Brothers Monument for six brothers who died in the Civil War. These sites are on the road to where we will eat lunch.

Itinerary: Leave at 9:00 from Iowa City Marketplace, or Sycamore Mall as it was called before. We'll meet in the parking lot between Ollies and McDonalds and car pool from there. We can eat at the Oakville Grub & Pub, comes highly recommended. 200 Russell St, Oakville, IA

November: Fri. Nov.14 -Williamsburg Historical Museum, Historic Petersen Drug Co.

Cost: Free admission, with a suggested donation of $8

Description: Visit the Historic Peterson Drug Co. Museum, 516 Elm Street, Williamsburg. This is a restored old fashioned drug store and museum. They have the original soda fountain bar with soda from Millstream Brewing. There is also the Historical Society that has the dental office/hospital/maternity ward.

Itinerary: Meet at Coralridge Mall parking lot across from Red Lobster at 9:30 to carpool to Williamsburg. We can eat at Mi Casa Authentic Mexican Grill or Sundown Bar and Grill.

December: typically our Dec. Holiday Gather at University Heights Courtyard Marriot

January: Tues., Jan. 13 -UI Athletics Hall of Fame, 2425 Prairie Meadow Drive

Cost: FREE

Description: The UI Athletics Hall of Fame has three floors of Hawkeye memories; from the National Championship trophies to the Orange Bowl to Nile Kinnick's Heisman trophy.

Itinerary: 10:15 meet at the University of Iowa Athletic Hall of Fame on Mormon Trek Blvd. The tour begins at 10:30 AM. The tour should take approximately 45 minutes to one hour. Following the tour, you are invited to come with us to Monica's Restaurant in Coralville for lunch.

February: Tues., Feb. 10 -Stanley Peace and Security Building, Muscatine

Cost: FREE

Description: Tour the Stanley Center for Peace and Security. The Stanley Center is a foundation seeking to address global challenges including mitigating climate change. The project is seeking full Living Building Challenge certification. Stanley Center representatives will tour us through the space and address the various strategies utilized in the Stanley Center's Living Building pursuit.

Itinerary: Leave from Los Agaves at 9:00 for the 10:00 tour. After the tour we can grab a bite at Boonie's before heading home.

March: Wed., Mar. 11 -Voxman Music Building, Iowa City -7:30 PM

Cost: FREE

Description: Concert by the Black Pop Music Ensemble at the UI Voxman Music Building, 93 E. Burlington St.

Itinerary: Meet at the UI Voxman Music Building at 7:15 for the concert. We will have refreshments at The Vue after the concert.

April: Thurs., April 16 -African American Museum of Iowa, 55 12th Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids

Cost: $8.00

Description: The African American Museum of Iowa is the only statewide museum devoted to preserving African American history and culture. Our mission includes exhibiting and teaching the African American heritage of Iowa. We educate over 30,000 people each year through museum tours, traveling exhibits, research services, youth and adult education programs, and community and fundraising events. Explore our collection and exhibits that trace Iowa's African American history from its origins to the present.

Itinerary: We will leave from the Coarlridge Mall parking lot across from Red Lobster at 11::30 to tour the museum as they open at 12:00. We can eat at one of the restaurants in the Czech Village before heading home.

May: Wed., May 27 -May meeting and Garden Party, John Hieronymus 'house -11:00

Cost: Whatever you bring for sharing at the pot luck.

Description: We'll combine the regular May meeting with a potluck and social gathering at John Hieronymus' house. After the meeting enjoy some wine/ beer, food, and garden delights.

Itinerary: Meet at the Hieronymus residence, 3322 Muscatine Avenue, Iowa City at 11:00 for our regular May meeting and then stay for some conversation, drinks, food, and an overall good time.

June: Mon., June15 -Frerich's Alpaca Farm, 5732 350th St NE, West Branch

Cost: FREE

Description: Visit the award winning Frerich's Alpaca Farm in West Branch.(June is also their birthing month so hopefully there will be some young ones.)

Itinerary: Meet at Los Agaves at 9:00 to carpool to Frerich's Alpaca Farm. We can check out The Black Rose, a new bookstore-bar that should have their kitchen license by then. If not, there are other restaurants in West Branch to eat at.

July: mid-July (set closer to date) Monarch Research Center. 4970 Lakeside Road, Marion, IA

Cost: FREE

Description: We will tour areas of the Monarch Research Center. Monarch Research is spearheading an initiative to revitalize monarch butterfly populations while simultaneously restoring native habitats and replenishing the region's tree canopy through innovative programs like Monarch Zones, Native Oasis, and Planting Forward

Itinerary: We will meet at the Coralridge Mall parking lot across from Red Lobster to carpool to the Monarch Research Center. We can stop at Little Bohemia or Kickstand for a bite before we head back home.

August: Wed., August 12 -Putnam Museum and Science Center, 1717 West 12th St., Davenport

Cost: $12 or $10 (over 60)

Description: We'll drive to Davenport to visit the Putnam Museum and Science Center. They have a host of exhibits that we can explore as well as hands-on activities and experiences.

Itinerary: We will leave from Los Agaves at 9:00 to carpool to Davenport. After our visit we can eat at Front Street Pub and Eatery, 208 E. River Drive before heading home.